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1. Palestine report to omit criticism of British--The US delegation to the UN has learned that the 1 February report of the UN Palestine Commission will not be severely critical of the UK but will point out that the British stipulations concerning the arrival of the Commission in Palestine will make it impossible to establish provisional governments by 1 April. The Commission feels that the British should have a chance to answer certain questions, following which the Commission will make a special report on the Palestine security problem.

2. UK-French conversation on defense against USSR--Armed Forces Minister Teitgen has told US Ambassador Caffery that General Revers, French Chief of Staff, has conferred informally with British Field Marshal Montgomery concerning military cooperation among Western European countries in case of future Soviet aggression and that an agreement in principle was reached on the necessity for such cooperation. According to Teitgen, Revers agreed with Montgomery's statement that any eventual plan of defense must necessarily include Spain, and both agreed that every effort should be made to have the fighting done in Germany rather than on the western side of the Rhine.

EUROPE

3. FRANCE: Schuman may resort to vote of confidence--According to US Ambassador Caffery, it is generally felt that Schuman will have to resort to a vote of confidence in

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connection with the Government-sponsored, free gold-market bill. Assembly President Herriot's administrative assistant has expressed to Caffery the personal view that the Socialists might "reluctantly" support the Government in such a vote of confidence.

(CIA Comment: The Socialists' desire not to facilitate the return of De Gaulle will probably overbalance their dislike of the "free economy" principles underlying Schuman's proposal.)

4. ITALY: Communist Party plans all-out election effort--The US Military Attache in Rome reports that the Sixth Communist Congress at Milan has decided not to abandon attempts to gain power in Italy at the spring elections, and will employ "all-out" legal and semi-legal methods in the pre-election campaign. The MA believes that the use of force by the Communist Party prior to the elections is improbable.

(CIA Comment: CIA concurs with this estimate of Italian Communist intentions.)

5. AUSTRIA: Wheat situation serious--US Commanding General Keyes in Austria reports that the non-arrival of two of the four expected wheat ships has created "a most serious situation." Keyes comments that the failure of the US to produce food shipments when due is a powerful Soviet propaganda weapon and has been fully utilized by the USSR. Keyes adds that the US has no food reserves in Austria and the present Austrian hand-to-mouth existence could result in a serious jeopardy of the US aid program if an emergency occurs.

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6. USSR: Reduction of Soviet personnel in US urged --
US Ambassador Smith recommends that, because of the Soviet Government's continued refusal to discuss the curtailment of vital incoming US Embassy supplies, he be authorized to inform the Foreign Office that the total number of Soviet personnel in the US must be reduced to 120 persons, the number which the US is permitted to maintain in the USSR.

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7. FRENCH INDOCHINA: French military operations in Cochin China --
The US Assistant Naval Attache in Bangkok reports that the French have launched military operations in Cochin China with a task force of 12,000 men [redacted]
The Assistant NA indicates that this campaign is generally admitted to be the last large-scale offensive that the French can attempt with present equipment and manpower and adds that forces for this operation were gathered with difficulty.

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